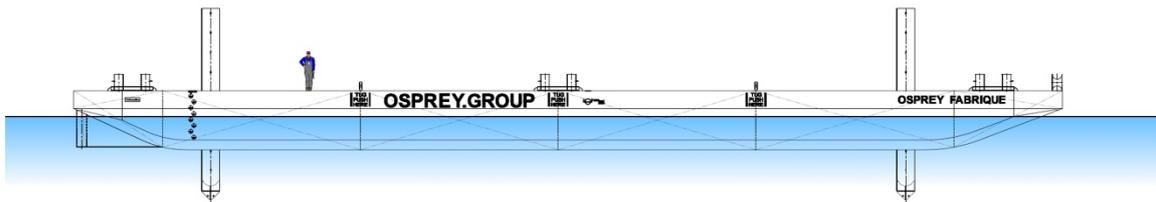


Osprey Group announces £3m investment in Barge Fleet

UK specialist logistics firm, Osprey Group, announces the signing of a £3m shipbuilding contract for two new offshore barges. Ideal for work supporting the offshore renewables and oil and gas industries, **Osprey Bower** and **Osprey Fabrique** are being constructed with high deck strengths specifically suited to over-sized, heavy cargoes – adding welcome extra capacity to the UK's largest, independently-owned barge fleet.

Osprey has a wide range of barges and vessels in its inventory already, complementing some of the UK's largest heavy-lift cranes and the largest fleet of Self Propelled Modular Transporters. The business specialises in transporting abnormal and heavy critical assets onshore and off, and provides specialist logistics for marine projects of all kinds.

The off-shore fleet includes ocean-going barges for deep-sea programmes anywhere in the world, ice-ships, and smaller vessels that can make innovative use of inland waterways and lock systems in the UK and Europe. But the addition of two new barges – Osprey Bower and Osprey Fabrique – represents a significant investment by the UK firm.



The contract is valued at £3m. This is a huge commitment to supporting industries that transport over-sized and superheavy equipment to, from, and around the UK. Port-to-port, port-to-offshore, offshore-to-onshore – factory to foundation – Osprey supplies specialist logistics to the renewables sector, oil and gas, the nuclear construction industries and for large civil infrastructure projects.

Brokered through Rotterdam-based TABmarine B.V, the two new barges will both be 50 meters long, with a beam of 18.8 meter and a depth of 3 meters. The ABS 'unrestricted sailing area' classified barges will have a completely flush 20T/m2 strong deck, equipped with two 23-metre spud poles. In short, they will be ideal for load outs, interconnection projects, demobs, and all kinds of barge commissions.

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Osprey Bouwer and Osprey Fabrique will be delivered in Q1 2021 and deployed to support specialist logistics' operations in France, Morocco and the Eastern Mediterranean.

Neil Schofield, Osprey's Chief Operations Officer: "The addition of Osprey Bouwer and Osprey Fabrique to our fleet is very welcome. At a time when we're all focusing on safety in the present, these additions represent £3m pounds of investment in the future – demonstrating our long-term commitment for supporting and being a trusted partner to our clients."

NOTES TO EDITORS

Osprey is an independent, British company. For 25 years, Osprey has been delivering and installing some of the world's heaviest assets and largest abnormal loads – specialist logistics of all kinds, both here in the UK and internationally. With an impressive range of owner-operated equipment, Osprey's teams deliver unexpected value by finding the right approach to each project, as early on in the programme of works as possible. Whether the project involves moving tunnel boring machines across the UK to a nuclear power plant, or installing wind turbines in Sweden, this includes ingenious applications for some of the UK's most capable heavy-lift cranes, over 120 SPMTs, hydraulic lifts and skids, carousels, heavy transport, an extensive fleet of ocean-going and inland barges.

